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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/434,507

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: November 5, 1999

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For: HIGH TEMPERATURE ISOSTATIC
PRESSURE BONDING OF HOLLOW
BERYLLIUM PRESSURE VESSELS
USING A BONDING FLANGE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2000
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, between lines 4 and 5 (i.e., above the section heading
"BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"), please insert the following new
section:

-- **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C.
§ 119(e) from provisional application no. 60/143,916, filed
July 14, 1999. --

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